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Minutes 03/18/2010

Fiscal Resources Task Group - Vision 2020
 Minutes of Meeting 3/18/10
 Jefferson Cutter House

Present: Gordon Jamieson (Chair), David Garbarino, Richard Corredera, Charlie Cook, Bette Aschaffenburg, Alan Berstein, Jagat Adhiya, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Welcome: Gordon welcomed the new people and explained how the Task Group operates.

Membership recruitment: Gordon reviewed the steps taken.

Health Care budget revision status: Pete stated that the FinCom SubCom person who reviews this budget, Paul McGaffigan, has our suggested improved format. He has been out of town but said he will consider it.

Art Holmes letter of thanks status: Gordon has sent w/ copy to BoS. He asked for another copy to send to Art's boss, Charley Lyons. (Pete supplied after meeting and Gordon fwd'd a copy with additional thanks to Mr. Lyons)

V2020 Census Insert Survey process/outcome/discussion - Overview of final results and findings. Attendees expressed interest. A preliminary summary will be available soon. (Returns were accepted until 3/15. There were 4,657 returns - almost 25% of households)

My tax dollars final review - Peter finished his update. Gordon is reviewing. Pete would like to expedite approval by Town Manager.

Retrospective 5yr Report: Gordon provided a revision of his previous work which includes suggestions made during previous reviews. He also has a couple of unfinished entrees. He reviewed the revised copy item by item, with meeting attendees and got several excellent suggestions. Alan to research SPED enrollment rates in neighboring towns.

FUTURE ITEMS

- Position papers
- My tax dollars FY10
- Additional ideas from the membership
- Assessor website (description of assessment process)
- Water/Sewer BoS letter of inquiry discussion
- AFD Staffing Analysis (day/night call analysis)
- Regionalization study (for FY10-FY11) - As currently envisioned would represent a broad effort to collect information on possible cost savings from combining some town functions with other communities. It might include a review of existing regionalization efforts, interviews with Town leaders, study of regionalization agreements elsewhere in MA and US. Goal would be to report to 2011 Town Mtg.

NEXT MEETINGS - All scheduled for Third Thursday at 7:30 PM
 4/15 Town Hall Hearing Room,
 5/20 Town Hall Hearing Room